

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

In the instant amendment, claims 1-14 have been amended. Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

The instant amendment made herein to the claims does not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. For example, claim 1 is amended by incorporating the feature of claim 15. Claims 2-14 are amended for formalities.

Accordingly, proper consideration of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested at present, as is entry of the present amendment.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has required Election of Species between various Species identified on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants elect the following Species with traverse: **Species A**, Embodiment of Figure 2. The requirement is traversed because there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to examine all of the species as recited in the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 12-14 read on the elected Species.

Upon allowance of the elected species, the Examiner is requested to expand the search to the non-elected species.

Incidentally, independent claim 1 (generic claim) is amended to incorporate the feature of claim 15 (*i.e.*, a laser source of a diode or Nd:YAG laser). Generic claim 1 is not anticipated by or obvious over Kammler DE '726 (DE 19516726 A1), which is listed in "*Notice of References*

References Cited" attached to the Office Action, since Kammler DE '726 fails to disclose or suggest the claimed features.

Further, the embodiment in claim 8 has the pigment dispersed in a polymer coating layer, or layer of a polymer film. Employment of the pigment dispersed all over a polymer coating or film layer, which is usually produced by extrusion, is not disclosed or suggested in the Kammler DE '726 and thus the claimed feature further patentably distinguishes the claimed invention from Kammler DE '726.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno, Registration No. L0053 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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